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HOLMES ORCHID PARADISE

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ORCHID BEAUTIES

Ready to Bloom

Low as \$6.40

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ONLY IN ORCHIDS

**Can You Buy
Flowers That Bloom
in Any Month**

You Decide!

Holmes has ready for you hundreds of Orchids as large as the two pictured here—in dozens of colors and variations—ready to grow and bloom for you (and many in bloom, too!). Come to our Nursery for the greatest Retail Orchid Show in Florida—all yours for the asking!



HOLMES NURSERIES

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HOLMES Astounding Cattleya Orchids *You Can Grow!*

If you are accustomed to paying \$5.00 to \$20.00 for a single Orchid corsage, then here are the Orchid plants you should buy! Each of these plants usually produces two to three Orchids when young, and as many as 10 to 30 when mature! Each blooms for one to two months! Imagine your delight—you can wear Orchids on all occasions!

Holmes Cattleyas (Rich Man's Orchid) are easier to grow than African violets! There's no mystery or magic, and contrary to what everybody seems to think, Orchids are tough and rugged! In Holmes Orchids—the largest collection of Retail plants in all Florida—you have your choice of more colors than an artist can mix, more sizes and shapes than you ever dreamed of.

Cattleya Labiata. Huge, 5 to 8-in. flowers! Expect two to six flowers per spike! Holmes growing plants add new spikes every year! Petals bright deep rose, intense velvety crimson-purple throat marked with gold. Easy to grow! Blooms Sept., Oct., Nov.

Cattleya Percy. Delightful 4 to 5-in. blooms. Richest of the dark-colored Orchids. Inspiring on the plant—dressiest in your hair, corsages. Deep rose petals, magenta lip, penciled gold and crimson throat and all trimmed with blush-pink edging. Easy to grow! Blooms Nov., Dec., Jan.

Cattleya Trianae. The CHRISTMAS Orchid. Always scarce. Get yours early from our huge group of very choice plants—in sheath with blooms now ready to burst forth for Christmas. Huge, heavy-petaled, 6-in. flowers of blush-rose to purple, with rich purple to crimson lip, and orange-yellow throat. Strong, easy grower, blooming Nov., Dec., Jan.

Holmes Orchids are the greatest bargains in the flower kingdom! Holmes ready-to-bloom Cattleya plants bear two to ten or twelve Orchids, each one of which would cost you \$5.00 or more at a florist shop . . . yet Holmes plants cost as little as \$6.40!

Remember, Orchid plants bear "sheaths" (like a huge, flat bean pod) containing 2 to 5 flowers each. When sheaths burst, Orchids grow from tiny "strings," then suddenly grow to full-size flowers in a matter of hours. You can almost watch them develop! All Holmes "Ready-to-Bloom" Orchids are in sheath, and all varieties offered here bloom through this fall. All of these Orchids are the big, lush, gorgeous kinds you think of when you think of Orchids!

Holmes Species Orchids. Many varieties of Cattleyas, unclassified, but all huge corsage types, in very sturdy plants. Mauve, Rose, Purple, Lavenders—all popular colors. All ready to bloom.

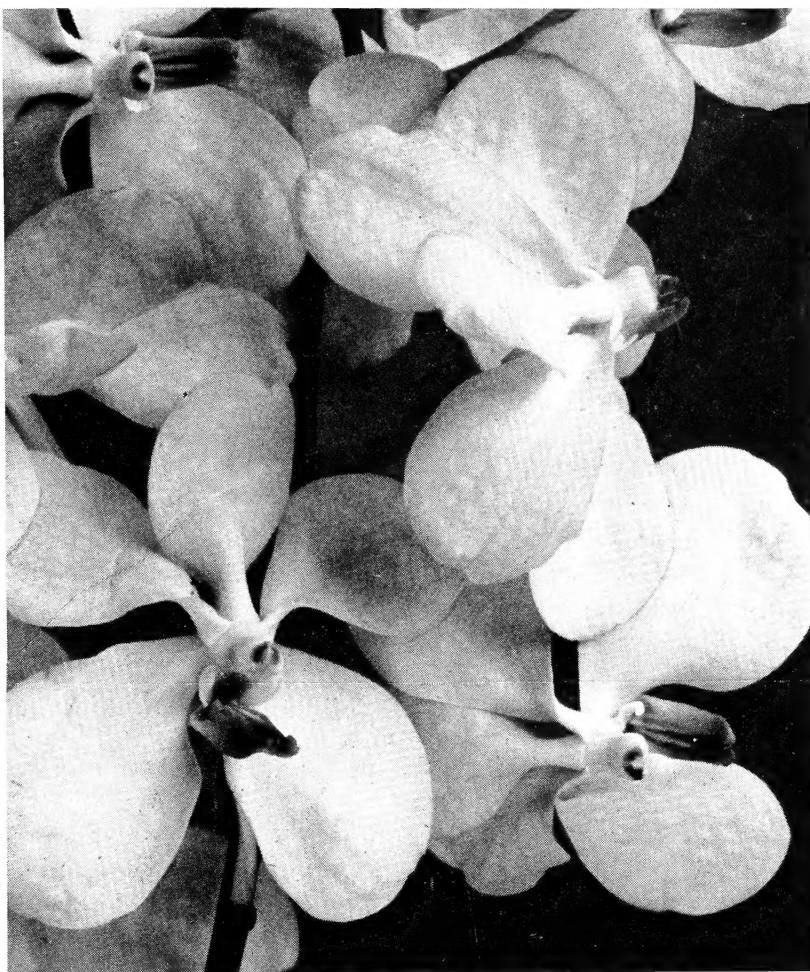
All of above.5-in. pots, \$6.40 to \$6.90
6-in. pots, \$7.40 to \$8.40

CATTLEYA ORCHIDS TO BLOOM NEXT YEAR

When you buy your ready-to-bloom plants be sure to take along one of these lower cost plants and have the fun of nursing it through to success next year. Many varieties—all easy to grow and sure to bloom.From \$3.90 to \$4.90 up.

HOLMES GIANT CATTLEYA PLANTS

If you can't be satisfied with 3 to 6 Orchids at a time, then these giants will delight you! Bigger, heavier, with more sheaths. Limited number available at \$12.40 up



HOLMES Vivacious VANDAS

Bloom Furiously Everywhere, All the Time!

\$2.40 up

VANDA MISS JOACHIM. Everblooming Garden Orchid. You have never known a garden flower like Miss Joachim! Out-blooms everblooming roses dozens to one! There isn't a flower in Florida that gives you so many blooms so continuously for so many months! Vanda Miss Joachim, once established, blooms almost every day in the year!

Don't misjudge Vanda Miss Joachim by its low price! There's a reason. It grows so strong, so easily and so willingly in our nursery that it takes little of our time, reproduces in abundance. It will do the same for you!

All you have to do to have success with Vandas is give them full sun and lots of water! They never seem to get enough of both, and the more they get the better they grow and the more Orchids they bear. Vandas have adapted themselves perfectly to Florida. Buy one and you'll want dozens!

15 to 18-in. Cuttings	Established Plants in 3-in. Pots
Each \$1.48	Each \$1.98
4 for 5.00	3 for 5.00
18 to 24 in. Blooming Size	Each \$2.98
2 to 3 ft. Blooming Size	Each 3.40

Special! 6-plant Totem Pole! Ready to install in your garden—all mounted in 8-in. pot. Blooming size. Complete. **\$9.90**

NEW! Vanda Terete and semi-Terete Types

An amazing and exciting new development, offering a range of colors never before seen in Florida landscapes. These are crosses so new they have not yet been named. Respond to same treatment as Miss Joachim, flower freely, have flowers ranging from slightly smaller to larger. Choose them for **COLOR!**

Small sizes \$2.90, \$3.90 up; flowering sizes, \$10.00 to \$15.00

VANDA HYBRIDS—The Fragrant Orchid.

There's a Vanda with every quality you could wish for. Now, these Hybrids bring **FRAGRANCE** to the Vanda family! But it doesn't stop there! It's one of the fastest growers, it blooms in bunches in great sprays, and flowers freely for months. Colors galore.

Small plants, \$2.40, \$3.40 up
In 3-in. pots, \$3.90, \$4.90 up
Blooming sizes, \$14.00 to \$50.00

FREE! Ask for Holmes Vanda Growing Instructions when you buy Miss Joachim



HOLMES Dazzling DENDROBIUMS

Yellows, White, Rose, Lavender

\$2.40 up

"Bloomingest" of all Orchids—packs a year's blooms into six months. And does it with an enthusiasm that is almost overwhelming! Young plants bear *four to twelve* gloriously formed Orchids on a cane; old plants bear from 200 to 300 Orchids!

And on top of all this . . . Dendrobiums love beginners! You almost can't fail with them! With just the slightest attention they'll reward you with myriads of yellow or white or rose or lavender Orchids to wear or load into vases and bowls.

And there's even more! Dendrobiums grow anywhere—in pots, in hanging baskets, in trees. They are almost permanent indoor and outdoor decorations.

Tender Dendrobium. Blooms October to February

One of the most magnificent spray type Orchids. Plant in baskets or pots and keep it indoors all the time, or move to outdoor patios during warm season. Freely produces its abundant, perfectly shaped flowers, 1½ to 3½ in. in diameter, over five months. So many colors you can use a half dozen plants, ranging from white, rose, lavender to darkest varieties of purple. Bring indoors during temperatures under 40 degrees.

Small plants	\$4.40 to \$6.40
Larger plants	7.40 to 9.40
Blooming sizes	12.40 up

Outdoor Dendrobium. Hardy in the Tampa area

Lavender. Blooms February to June. One of the most vigorous of this outstandingly vigorous family. Older plants regularly produce 200 to 300 blooms in a season! Distinctive varieties but with so many dainty variations that almost every plant is different! Yet every one is a true Orchid, ranging up to 3½ in. in size. Do their best in abundant light with half shade, suiting them to shaded patios, tree limbs, secluded walls and walks.

Yellow. Blooms April to June. Showers of flowers for Days! Bright and saucy yellow, just the touch you always need, in the true Orchid form. Rare and unusual.

Small pots	\$2.40, \$3.40 up
Blooming size	\$4.40, \$5.40, \$6.40 up
Large specimens with abundant blooms	\$7.40, \$9.40, \$12.40 up



HOLMES THRILLING SKY GARDENS FOR YOUR TREES!

Orchids Make It Possible—Holmes Varieties Make It Practical!

You've never had an opportunity like this! Not only grow exotic, lovely Orchids, but grow them overhead! Be one of the first to install a SKY GARDEN—the most amazing new idea in Florida gardening in decades!

Most kinds of Orchids grow wild in trees, in the Amazon, Central America, Mexico. And Holmes has found they're just as happy in Florida's trees!

You have every color of the rainbow to choose from—wide, exciting choices of foliage—unending varieties of sizes, shapes and types. And viewing an Orchid from a reclining lawn chair is one of the most pleasurable occupations yet devised.

It's simple! It's easy! Just choose any of these Holmes varieties, selected from our regular list elsewhere in this circular. If you have any questions, ask us!

Laelia Anceps Orchid. Most successful of all tree Orchids. Lilac-rose to rose-purple blooms 4 in. across on tall spikes. Your best choice for quick results. See page 5. \$1.90 up.

Cattleya Percy. Big heavy 4 to 5-in. blooms of rich rose. Pick your corsage from your trees! See page 2. \$6.40 up.

Cattleya Mossiae. Big and handsome, blooming at EASTER time. Interestingly variable. 4-in. pots, \$4.90; 5-in., \$5.90.

Cattleya Skinneri. Heavy bloomer, Easter to Mother's Day. Rosy purple. 4-in. pots, \$3.90 up; 5-in., \$5.40 up; 6-in., \$6.90 up.

Chysis Bractescens. Fragrant white, heavy-textured beauties ranging from 2 to 4 in. in size. Erect leaves with spindle-shaped hanging pseudobulbs often a foot long. Very decorative and most unusual. See page 6, \$2.40 up.

Brassavola Nodosa. Profuse blooming; white to creamy white.

Brassavola Glauca. White to green-white flowers. Both varieties native to trees. See page 6. \$2.40 up.

Stanhopea. Hanging Orchid, flowers from the bottom! Huge 5-in. blooms. See page 6. \$4.90 up.

Epidendrum Nemorale. Big flowers on long arching panicles.

Epidendrum Fragrans. Small fragrant flowers. Short stems.

Epidendrum Cochleatum. Greenish, shell-shaped blooms up to 4 in. in size. See page 5. \$2.40 up.

Dendrobiums. Bloom for six months. See page 3. \$2.40 up.

Oncidiums. Bright yellows to browns, with scores of flowers for months. All varieties on page 6. \$2.40 up.



NUN. Easiest of all to grow—indoors or out. Four-ft. spike filled with 2½ to 3-in. Orchids. \$4.00 up.

It's True! You Can TAKE VANILLA IN ORCHIDS!

Everybody will clamor to see your Orchid—if it's a *Vanilla*! Surprising as it may seem, the Vanilla extract you use in your cooking is made from the bean of the Vanilla Orchid! And here it is—a delightful house plant, a beautiful vine, successor to the philodendron, ready to dress itself in pleasing small Orchids. Mounted on driftwood. Small plants, \$2.40, \$3.40; large, \$4.40, \$5.40.

SHADE-LOVING NUN ORCHID

Nun Orchids grow to huge plants bearing dozens of lovely blooms in clusters on the ends of 4-ft. spikes. Start with potted plants, then move them to tubs for use on patios, at doorways—they like shade and warm weather, bloom Jan., Feb., Mar. Glowing bronze and white colors. Very easy, sure growing. Good strong plants, \$4.00; Ready to Bloom, \$6.90 to \$8.40; big plants, \$9.90 up.

CHARTREUSE GREEN SWAN ORCHID

Virtually glitters and glows—actually like a piece of costume jewelry! Big, dressy, 4 to 5-in. blooms with white lip and olive eye. Blooms between September and January in bunches of three to ten at a time. Grow it; wear it. Ready to Bloom, \$7.40, \$8.40 up; big plants, \$12.40 up.



SWAN. Rarity! Unusual chartreuse-green, white lip, olive eye! Jewel-like! breath-taking! \$7.50 up.

Look at This Value!

LAELIA ANCEPS

**Blooming Size
Corsage Orchids**

\$3.40 up

A Holmes Exclusive!

There's only one reason for this unbelievable Holmes price: we want you to start growing big fancy corsage Orchids **this year!** And Laelia Anceps makes every beginner a professional. It's tough and vigorous, thrives outdoors the year 'round, loves full sun, and doesn't seem to mind the cold.

Never before has a fully matured Florida-tested **blooming size** Orchid sold for less than twice this Holmes price. It's an offer we may never repeat!

Laelia Anceps is gorgeous lilac-rose to rose-purple. Produces two to five 4-in. Orchids at a time during Dec. and Jan. (and often again in June and July).

We are enthusiastic about Laelia Anceps because of the way she has thrived in our patios and in our trees at Holmes Nursery for years. It is the one Orchid above all others that we recommend to anybody and everybody!

Then as another special inducement, all Laelias are mounted, ready for hanging in your patio or trees! Hurry, be sure you get your share of these outstanding Orchids while our supply lasts. (Prices include mounting.)

Laelia Anceps. Described above.

Fine small plants, \$1.90, \$2.40
Ready to Bloom, \$3.40, \$4.40, \$5.40
Huge blooming size, \$7.40, \$9.90
Specimens in baskets, \$7.40, \$9.90

Laelia Autumnalis. Scented rose-purple blooms, 4-in. size. Flower in Dec., Jan.

Fine small plants, \$2.40, \$3.40
Ready to Bloom, \$4.40, \$5.40

Laelia Rubescens. Lilac-mauve to white, delightfully dainty Orchids 1 to 2 in. across, with 4 to 8 buds. Prolific bloomer. Our mother plant had 52 blooms last Christmas Day, 82 blooms in two weeks!

Fine small plants, \$2.40, \$3.40
Ready to Bloom, \$4.40, \$5.40

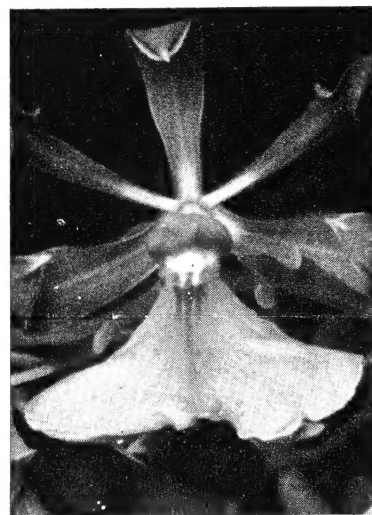
WHEN TO BUY HOLMES ORCHID PLANTS!

You've probably already discovered the secret! Have you noticed how prices increase substantially on the larger blooming sizes?

That means *the time to buy is now*, while most of our plants are "ready to bloom." You take them home, keep a month or two (depending upon months in which they bloom) and have Orchid plants in full flower. By giving them the last few months of care, you often save one-half or more! But if you delay purchasing for a month or two, when these same plants are in bloom in our nursery, you pay much more!



LAELIA PURPURATA, outstanding Laelia



Holmes EPIDENDRUM Orchids *Guaranteed to Bloom for You!*

98c up

One of the most interesting of all the Orchid families, and by far the most vigorous. Flowers range in size from big 4-in. corsage types to dainty blooms less than an inch in size. The smaller kinds make up in quantity what they lack in size, and all Epidendrums grow so vigorously they're guaranteed to bloom for you!

Epidendrum Nemorale. Big 4-in. corsage beauties. The giant of the family. Just hang it in the morning sun, spray with a hose, and it rewards you with rosy mauve to rosy lilac blooms galore.

Epidendrum Cochleatum. Fashion coloring! It's green, with maroon-purple blotches! Excellent for baskets, trees. Small plants, \$2.40 up; Ready to Bloom, \$3.40, \$4.40.

Epidendrum Atropurpureum. The "red" of the family. Its free-blooming flowers are large, long lasting, unusual. Small sizes, \$3.90; Ready to Bloom, \$7.40, \$8.90 up.

Epidendrum Species. Grows in sprays with small showy flowers; wide variations in all plants. Blooming size, \$2.90 up.

Epidendrum Petite. Blooms profusely almost all winter in clusters of dozens of tiny Orchids at a time. Bright orange. Plant in garden. Blooming size, 98c to \$2.90.

Epidendrum Fragrans. Delightful for patios because of its odor. Pot or mount in trees. Dainty blooms, easy to grow. Small sizes, \$2.40 to \$3.40; blooming size, \$3.90 up.

Epidendrum Mariae. Exotic! Small plants, but large flowers with greenish-yellow petals, white lip with green veins. Small plants, \$3.40, \$4.40; blooming size, \$4.90, \$6.90 up.

HALL ORCHID COLLECTION NOW AT HOLMES NURSERY!

See Florida's greatest retail Orchid show this year at Holmes Nurseries! Holmes has acquired the entire collection of Hall of Opelika, Ala.—thousands of choice "corsage" Orchid plants, and every one will be sold at prices just a fraction of its worth! For years Hall's has raised cut Orchids—sold them to florists all over America for re-sale to you at \$5.00 to \$10.00 per bloom!

Now this year at Holmes, you can buy the same

plants that will bear two to four or five \$5.00 Orchids for as little as \$6.40! Plant and Flowers!

These Hall Orchids, added to Holmes own huge stock, bring you the biggest collection of salable Orchids ever assembled-retail in Florida! Come out today and thrill to their gorgeous beauty. Then multiply your thrill a hundred times by buying your own Orchid plants and raising them yourself! It's easy—we'll prove it!

HOLMES ORCHIDS OFFER ENDLESS VARIETIES



HOLMES ONCIDIUM The "Dancing Girl" Orchid \$2.40 up

Oncidiums are the gayest of all Orchids, and prove it with their abundant blooming and bright buttery yellow colors! Nicknamed "dancing girls," they look the part—slim-waisted, with huge billowing skirts and multi-colored covering for their arms and heads (stamens). One of the most interesting and fascinating of all Orchids. Include them when you buy!

ONCIDIUM Ampliatum. Brightest canary-yellow color—and both free blooming and long lasting. Often 25 to 75 flowers in a season, each 1 to 2 in. across. Blooms Jan., Feb., March. Small sizes, \$4.40 to \$6.90; blooming size, \$7.40 up.

ONCIDIUM Cebolleta. Flowers from Jan. to Apr. Orchids are 1 to 2 in. in size, borne on 2-ft. spikes. Last long, easy, sure growing. Small plants, \$2.90 up; blooming size, \$4.40 up.

ONCIDIUM Variable. Multi-colored—white with purple-rose markings; rust-orange, purplish mauve, chestnut-browns. Summer blooming. Small plants, \$3.90 up; blooming size, \$5.40 up.

ONCIDIUM Lanceanum. Scented! Large flowers. Long lasting. Small plants, \$3.90, \$4.90; blooming size, \$17.90 up.

ONCIDIUM Sphacelatum. Our most prolific variety. Sometimes one specimen with two to ten spikes produces several hundred blooms in a season! Grows equally well in half sun. We've priced this variety specially low. Be sure to try it! Small plants, \$2.90 to \$3.90; blooming size, only \$5.90 up.

ONCIDIUM Splendidum. Large-flowered winter variety. Flower spikes often 3 ft. tall! Clear yellow, with greenish yellow lip. Small plants, \$3.90; blooming size, \$7.40 up.

All Oncidiums are perfect for trees, baskets, slabs, pots, mountings; are easy to raise.

BRASSAVOLA NODOSA

These easy-to-grow Orchids for trees, mountings or pots have big white to creamy white flowers. Bloom profusely.

Small plants \$2.40, \$3.40; blooming size, \$3.90, \$4.90

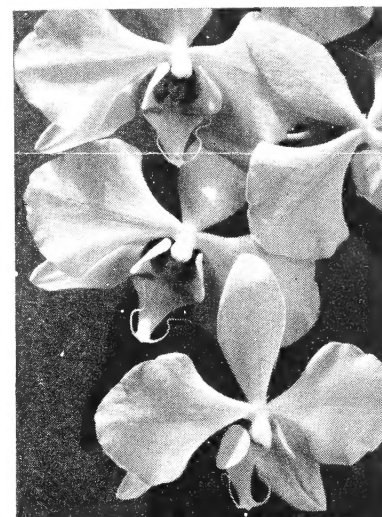
*You Won't Believe This 'Till
You See It!*

The Orchid You Plant on The Ceiling—Grows Down!

STANHOPEA. The Orchid with irresistible appeal . . . it blooms upside-down. You plant it overhead, in baskets and on tree limbs, and its huge, gorgeous, 5-in. Orchids dangle in the sky! Amazing, rare. Our stock is limited, so hurry. Special friend-making price; flowering size, \$4.90, \$5.90 up.

Grow Your Own Chignons OF ORCHIDS WITH HOLMES PHALAENOPSIS

\$2.90 up



PHALAENOPSIS NEW HYBRIDS. A most amazing Orchid! Bears four to twenty perfectly styled, wearable Orchids in delightful shades of white, rose and lavender and delicate blendings. Individual Orchids 3½ to 5 in. Single sprays can be worn as chignons with sensational effect. Flower usually from Dec. to June. Thrive outdoors except in cold season when they should be brought indoors. Be sure to try a Phalaenopsis New Hybrid!

Small pots, to bloom in 2 years. \$2.90, \$3.90
Larger pots, to bloom in 1 year. \$3.90, \$4.90
Ready to Bloom large plants. \$5.90, \$7.90, \$9.90 up

CHYSIS BRACTESCENS

The truly tropical-looking Orchid! Its heavy-textured, white blooms are fragrant, range to 4 in. in size. Everything you could want in any Orchid. But Chysis gives you more—grows huge pseudobulbs from its base—spindle shaped and about one foot long! Nothing is more interesting in baskets, on trees or mountings.

Small mounted plants. \$3.40, \$4.90
Medium size, some will flower. \$5.40, \$7.40
Blooming size, mounted, from. \$9.40, \$12.40

BRASSAVOLA GLAUCA

Very cute small plants, with white to greenish white flowers.

Small plants \$2.40, \$3.40; blooming size, \$3.90, \$4.90

Only Holmes Offers Orchids Like These

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Where Florida Fell in Love with Orchids and Orchids Fell in Love with Florida

